

BOOK NOTICES

JOHN J. W. COPEN (Editor). 2002. **Eucalyptus: The Genus *Eucalyptus***. (ISBN 0-415-27879-1, hdk.). Taylor & Francis, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE, UK and 29 West 35th Street, New York, NY 10001, U.S.A. (Orders: info@tandf.co.uk, www.tandf.co.uk, 44 (0) 207 583 9855, fax 44 (0) 207-842-2298, standing orders call 44 (0) 1264 343071). £55 (±\$70.00), 496 pp., 6 b/w photos, 60 b/w drawings, 45 tables, 7" × 9 3/4".

This is volume 22 of the Medicinal and Aromatic Plants—Industrial Profiles, a series aimed at those engaged in research in botany, agriculture, pharmacognosy, phytochemistry, the food flavor, cosmetic and fragrance industries, alternative medicine and in other pharmaceutical and health sciences. *Eucalyptus* is a genus of over 800 species. Seventeen chapters provide in-depth coverage from general aspects to cultivation to commercial distillation. "Chapters on botany, environmental and ecological aspects, cultivation, genetic improvement, chemistry, bioactivity, oil distillation, formulations and legislation, and international trade and markets, re complemented by appendices which provide further practical help and advice." As the publisher suggests, the book will surely be a valuable source of information on *Eucalyptus* for researchers in academia and industry alike.

SARA OLDFIELD. 2003. **Rainforests**. (ISBN 0-262-15106-5 hbk.). The MIT Press, 5 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142-1493, U.S.A. (Orders: <http://mitpress.mit.order>, mitpress-order@mit.edu, 1-800-405-1619). \$29.95, 159 pp., 200 color photos, 1 map, 9 1/2" × 12 1/2".

This extremely informative and well-organized book deals with the major rainforest regions of the world - both tropical and temperate. The author describes the habitat, flora and fauna, and indigenous people of each unique location and explains the various threats to its survival. If the writing is a little pedestrian, the message is clear: the ecosystems of the rainforest are very fragile and in great danger.

The photographs, from the Bruce Coleman Collection are brilliant in conveying the beauty and wonderousness of each region and its denizens. They could stand on their own as a picture book. But with the text the book makes the most compelling case for the conservation of the rainforest and the preservation of the delicate balance between man and nature. A list of membership and governmental organizations involved with rainforests is included in the book as well as a bibliography for more information. Royalties from Rainforest will go to the Global Trees Campaign of Flora and Fauna International (FFI) and the United Nations Environmental Program to save the world's most threatened trees.—Ruth Ginsburg, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, TX, U.S.A.